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SECTOR

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1. IN BILATERAL DISCUSSION ON NONFERROUS METALS SECTOR
(REPORTED REFTEL) U.S. MTN DEL AGREED TO GIVE CANADIANS
A LISTING OF PROVINCIAL PRACTICES WHICH WERE AIMED AT
SECURING A GREATER DEGREE OF PROCESSING OF ORES WITHIN
THE PROVINCE. WE HAVE PROVIDED SUCH A LIST TO THE CANADA
DEL BASED ON MATERIAL RECEIVED FROM THE COMMERCE DEPT.,
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WITH THE QUALIFICATION THAT THE LIST WAS ONLY ILLUSTRATIVE AND COULD BE SUPPLEMENTED WITH GREATER DETAIL. IF WE ARE TO PURSUE THE DISCUSSION WITH THE CANADIANS, IT IS ESSENTIAL TO HAVE MORE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF THE PRACTICES WHICH U.S. INDUSTRY FINDS MOST TROUBLESOME. THE UPCOMING MEETING WITH ISAC #12 SHOULD PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SECURING SUCH INFORMATION.

2. IN LAUNCHING IN A DETAILED WAY A DISCUSSION OF PROVINCIAL PRACTICES IN THE RESOURCES AREA, WE HAVE ENTERED A FIELD WHICH IS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE POLITICALLY IN CANADA, AND THE CANADIAN DEL IS UNDERSTANDABLY NERVOUS ABOUT ANY LEAKS. FOR THIS REASON U.S. DEL BELIEVES THAT GREAT CARE SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN BRIEFING THE NONFERROUS ISAC ON THE DETAILS OF OUR BILATERAL TALKS WITH CANADA, PARTICULARLY IN ITS INITIAL STAGES. WE RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE THIS ISAC PLACES ON THE SECURITY OF SUPPLY ISSUE, AND OUR NEED TO KEEP THEM INFORMED. BUT THE GIVE-AND-TAKE AND PROBING WHICH CHARACTERIZES BILATERAL NEGOTIATING SESSIONS SHOULD BE CLOSELY HELD.

3. ALTHOUGH THE INITIAL CANADIAN RESPONSE TO OUR PROBING ON THE SUPPLY ISSUE WAS NOT ENCOURAGING, WE INTEND TO PURSUE THE MATTER IN A SERIOUS MANNER, AND NEED ALL THE AMMUNITION THE ISAC CAN PROVIDE ABOUT CANADIAN PRACTICES WHICH TROUBLE THEM. ALTHOUGH THE U.S. DEL IS SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE PROSPECTS OF MAKING MUCH PROGRESS ON THE QUESTION OF PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS, WE SHOULD NOT AT THIS STAGE, PREJUDGE THE OUTCOME IN BRIEFING NONFERROUS ISAC AT ITS NEXT SESSION.

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